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CHESS TOURNAMENTS **** (REVISED DATES) and/or (SITES) ****

****Sept 28, 96-Booking It Again Open-Grafton, (Zion English Luthern Church) ****

October 26, 1996-Star Wars Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux Room) Grand Forks, ND

November 16, 1996-*******CANCELLED*******

December 7, 1996-Holiday Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux Room) Grand Forks, ND

January 18, 1997-Deep Freeze Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux Room) Grand Forks, ND

February 22, 1997-Grand Forks Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux Room) Grand Forks, ND

March 22, 1997-Spring Fever Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux room) Grand Forks, ND

May 17-18, 1997-ND Closed-Best Western Doublewood Inn-Bismarck, ND

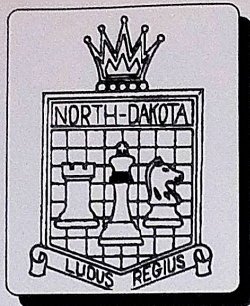
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TOURNEY ANOUNCEMENTS

Booking it Again Open Chess Tournament **New Location**

Saturday, September 28, 1996 at Zion English Lutheran Church, 1100 Hill Ave. Grafton, ND. Registration at 9:30 AM. Rounds at 10-1-4-7. Time Controls are G/75 for #1 & #2, G/90 for #3 and G/100 for #4. Time delay capability clocks are the preferred type of clock for sudden death rules as of January 1996 per article in that issue of Chess Life. Other clocks are acceptable if no time delay clocks are available. The time delay per move with preferred clocks is 5 seconds a move added and the basic time control will have 3 minutes subtracted to start the game. This is exactly the same amount of time in a 36 move game. Shorter games or longer games will have correspondingly less or more time available to play. A huge advantage of time delay is much of the time scramble of sudden death is ameliorated or avoided with the assurance that one has at least 5 seconds to make each move. EF is \$13.00. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and Best Under 1500. John Allensworth, TD 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

Star Wars Open-Saturday, October 26, 1996 at Student Union Building (Sioux Room), University of ND, Grand Forks, ND.

EF-\$10. Registration at 9:30 AM. Rounds at 10-2-6. Time control is 45/90 & 15/30. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

NOVEMBER 16, 1996- ***CANCELLED*******

Tournament cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Holiday Open- Saturday, December 7 at UND, Student Union Building (Sioux Room), Grand Forks, ND. Registration is at 9:30 AM. Rds. are at 10-2-6. EF is \$10.00. Time controls are 45/90 & 15/30. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

Deep Freeze Open- Saturday, January 18, 1997 at Student Union Bldg, UND, Grand Forks, ND. EF- \$10.00. Registration at 9:30 AM. Rds. at 10-2-6. Time Controls are 45/90 & 15/30. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

Grand Forks Open-Saturday, February 22, 1997 at Student Union Bldg, UND, Grand Forks, ND. EF- \$10.00. Registration at 9:30 AM. Rds. at 10-2-6. Time Controls are 45/90 & 15/30. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

Spring Fever Open- Saturday, March 22, 1997 at UND, Student Union. EF-\$10. Reg at 9:30 AM. Rds. 10-1-4-7. Time controls are G/75 for #1 & #2, G/90 for #3 and G/100 for #4. Sudden death rules apply as stated above. Get some norm points by doing well in this four round tourney. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

North Dakota Closed-Saturday-Sunday May 17-18th, 1997 at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. Details in future issue.

1996 Chicago Open Round 6

White: Carmeon Feltner 2019

Black: Mike Sailer 2220

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Be2 (This move became popular after the recent Kasparov-Anand World Championship match. However, in a weekend swiss tournament, 6. Bg5 offers White the best chances for the win.) e6 7. Be3 a6 8. a4 Qc7 9. O-O Bd7 10. Nb3 Be7 11. a5 (White's strategy is to immobilize Black's queenside activity before proceeding on the Kingside. The one drawback to the advance of the a-pawn is that White's queenside squares become extremely sensitive.) Rc8 12. Bb6 (I know this move has to be played in accordance with White's previous three moves. However, I think it is an overrated theme by theory. Black's queen is better placed on b8 than it is on c7. However, most top players play it so it is probably a personal opinion more than anything.) Qb8 13. f4 O-O 14. Bf3 (I believe this move is premature. In the given position, White isn't sure where this bishop is best placed. Therefore, White should leave this piece continue moving some other pieces to better squares.) Be8 (This move clears up the d7 square for the knight. Black also has visions of this bishop ending up on g6 at some point.) 15. f5 (This is a horribly weak move. If White's plan was to advance the f-pawn, then the bishop is useless on f3 and White's knights on b3 and c3 play no significant role either. White is combining two or three different thematic plans in the Sicilian and none of them are working very well.) Ne5 (This is the most powerful piece on the board now. White's only real plan is to advance his kingside pawns. However, in order to make such an attack, you must have some advantage. I personally don't see that in White's position. White needs to reconsolidate his position and come up with an alternative plan. Perhaps attack Black's pawns in the center.) 16. Nd4 Bd7 (Now that White has compromised his position, this bishop's optimum square is once again d7 where it holds together Black's center. The whole sequence of moving the bishop from d7 to e8, back to d7 might seem like wasted moves. However, each move played an important part in Black's plan. When White compromised his position, Black no longer needed to transfer his bishop to the kingside.) 17. Be2 (White realizes the bishop didn't belong on f3.) Rfe8 18. g4? (White's position isn't stable enough to support such an advance. Black is now winning.) Rxc3!! (Obviously this is a thematic sacrifice. However, rarely is it this effective when White has castled kingside. Now White has advanced his kingside pawns with no chance of ever attacking Black's king. On top of that, White's center collapses and Black's minor pieces now dominate the board. I'll give up the exchange any day to achieve such a position.) 19. bxc3 Nxe4 20. Qe1 d5 21. c4 (This move doesn't work, but it's White's only hope of gaining some counterplay.) dxc4 22. Bxc4 Nxe4 23. Qe2 exf5 24. Nxf5 Bxf5 25. Bxf7? (Although I believe the game is no longer salvageable for White, this unsound move just loses outright.) Kxf7 26. Rxf5+ Ngf6 27. Qxe4?? (This was the move White was counting on when he played 25. Bxf7. However, it is a blunder of major proportions.) Bc5+ **White Resigns.** Although I am far from an expert on the Sicilian Defense, Hopefully I was able to give some players good insight on the complexities of the positions that may arise.

A FORGOTTEN GEM (?)

North Dakota Chess History, by John H. Leitel

If anyone actually reads these articles, somebody might remember that about a year ago I stated that apparently no game scores existed from the 1956 North Dakota Championship tourney at Bismarck. Well, I was wrong!

The treasure trove of chess material that I got from the late Leonard Graetz's son last spring contained one game from that event. It's hardly chess at its best, but well show it anyway in lieu of anything better.

Could white have overlooked black's 20th move? Or was it just one of those speculative let's-see-what-happens kind of attacks? Who can say after 40 years? But the fun is soon over for Leonard, and he resigns in the face of dwindling material. So here's how they were playing in Bismarck on a warm Sunday in June during Eisenhower's first term in the White House:

LEONARD GRAETZ (Hansboro, ND) vs. DONALD S. JOHNSON (New Salem, ND)
North Dakota Championship, Bismarck, June 3, 1956.

1. e4	e5	20. Ng5+	Bxg5
2. Nf3	Nc6	21. Bxg5	Bb7
3. Bb5	d6	22. Nf4	Qf5
4. 0-0	a6	23. Qh5+	Kg8
5. Ba4	Nf6	24. g4	Qh7
6. d3	Be7	25. e6	Qxh5
7. c3	0-0	26. gh	f6
8. Nbd2	Na5	27. Bh4	Nd4
9. h3	b5	28. Kf1?	Nc2
10. Bc2	c5	29. Rad1	Nxe1
11. Re1	Nc6	30. Rxe1	Nc7
12. Nf1	Ne8	31. Ng6	Rfe8
13. Ne3	Qd7	32. Nf4	Re7
14. Nd5	Bd8	33. h6	g5
15. d4	ed	34. Bxg5	fg
16. cd	c4	35. Re5	gf
17. e5	de	36. Rg5+	Kh7
18. de	Qe6	37. RESIGNS	
19. Bxh7+?	Kxh7		

EDITORIAL

We will hold the 97 ND Closed May 17-18, 1997 at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. We are still looking for a site for the Friday night speed tourney. No room was available at the Doublewood. Ron Schauer and Dave Koch are looking for a site. Also we haven't set a date for the 97 Scholastic until a site is found. Ron and Dave are also working on a site for the scholastic. We will publish dates as soon as we have a suitable site.

White--Brent Askvig
Black--Clifford Berger
96NDPC--DRAW

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5
4.d4 c6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd2 Qc7
7.Bc4 Bg4 8.Qe2 Nbd7 9.h3 Bxf3
10.Qxf3 e6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Rfe1 0-0
13.Rad1 a6 14.a3 e5 15.d5 Nb6
16.Bb3 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Nbx5 18.Bxd5
Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Rad8 20.Qb3 Rfe8

THE NATION'S TOP PLAYERS

as of July 3, 1996. Only current USCF members who played rated games in 1996.

TOP 10 OVERALL

1.	KAMSKY, GATA	2791
2.	SEIRAWAN, YASSER	2688
3.	GULKO, BORIS	2683
4.	YERMOLINSKY, ALEX	2675
	WOLFE, PATRICK G.	2675
6.	KAIDANOV, GREGORY	2673
7.	SERPER, GREGORY	2671
8.	GUREVICH, DMITRY	2667
9.	DE FIRMIAN, NICK E.	2654
	CHRISTIANSEN, LARRY	2654

TOP 10 WOMEN

1.	DONALDSON, ELENA	2476
2.	BELAKOVSKAYA, ANJELINA	2433
3.	GULKO, ANNA	2391
4.	TVERSKAYA, JULIA	2336
5.	EPSTEIN, ESTHER	2302
6.	MARINELLO, BEATRIZ	2386
7.	LEVITAN, YULIYA	2274
8.	ZITSERMAN, TATYANA	2236
9.	TSODIKOVA, NATALYA	2226
10.	KHAN, ANNA	2212

SCHOOL'S OUT OPEN

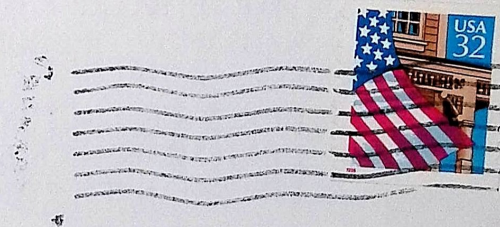
No.	June 22, 1996	STATE	PRE	POST	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	TOTAL
1	PROECHEL, GLEN F.	MN	1956	1973	*	W	W	W	W	4.0
2	CASE, RICK	ND	1901	1900	L	*	W	W	W	3.0
3	ALLENSWORTH, JOHN	ND	1312	1347	L	L	*	W	W	2.0
4	SAILER, DALE R.	ND	1500	1500	L	L	L	*	D	0.5
5	SAILER, JON	ND	1262	1256	L	L	L	D	*	0.5

DOG DAY'S OPEN

	AUGUST 3, 1996	STATE	PRE	POST	RND #1	RND #2	RND #3	RND #4	TOTAL
1	PROECHEL, GLEN F.	MN	1960	1959	W7	W6	D2	U	2.5
2	CASE, RICK	ND	1900	1906	W4	W3	D1	U	2.5
3	SAILER, DALE R.	ND	1500	1510	W5	L2	W7	U	2.0
4	SAILER, JON	ND	1256	1279	L2	W9	W6	U	2.0
5	ABRAHAMSON, MARV	ND	1172	1202	L3	W8	W9	U	2.0
6	ALLENSWORTH, JOHN	ND	1371	1354	W8	L1	L4	U	1.0
7	ABRAHAMSON, MATTHEW	ND	1311/05	1316/08	L1	W9	L3	U	1.0
8	ABRAHAMSON, JESSE	ND	1100/09	1080/12	L6	L5	W9	U	1.0
9	BRUCE, REENE	ND	924/05	876/09	L4	L7	L8	L5	0.0

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